

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An insert for a socket wrench having a polygonal wrenching socket which provides flats and corners at the intersection of adjacent flats, said insert comprising:

5 a base sized for receipt within said wrenching socket, said base having a plurality of corners corresponding to corners of said wrenching socket; and

 a plurality of elongated fingers each extending from a respective one of said plurality of corners of said base;

10 wherein each of said plurality of fingers has a cross-sectional shape providing a vertex edge registering with a corresponding corner of said wrenching socket, a pair of confinement sides intersecting at said vertex edge and registering with adjacent flats of said wrenching socket, and an engagement side opposite said vertex edge for engaging a flat on a fastener.

15 2. The insert according to claim 1, wherein said confinement sides of each of said fingers form an angle substantially equal to an angle formed by adjacent flats of said wrenching socket with which said confinement sides are registered.

20 3. The insert according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of fingers comprises one finger for each of said corners of said wrenching socket.

25 4. The insert according to claim 1, wherein said plurality of fingers are flared slightly outward relative to one another as said plurality of fingers extend from said base such that said plurality of fingers are elastically deformed when said insert is received by said socket, whereby said insert is held within said wrenching socket by friction.

5. The insert according to claim 1, wherein said insert is unitary in construction.

6. The insert according to claim 1, wherein said engagement side is a flat surface.

7. The insert according to claim 1, wherein said engagement side is a concave arcuate surface.

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8. A socket attachment for a socket wrench, said socket attachment comprising:
a polygonal wrenching socket which provides flats and corners at the intersection of adjacent flats;
a plurality of elongated fingers each extending along a corresponding corner of said wrenching socket;
wherein each of said plurality of fingers has a cross-sectional shape providing a vertex edge registering with said corresponding corner of said wrenching socket, a pair of confinement sides intersecting at said vertex edge and registering with adjacent flats of said wrenching socket, and an engagement side opposite said vertex edge for engaging a flat on a fastener.

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9. The socket attachment according to claim 8, wherein said plurality of fingers comprises one finger for each of said corners of said wrenching socket.

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10. The socket attachment according to claim 8, wherein said insert is unitary in construction.

11. The insert according to claim 8, wherein said engagement side is a flat surface.

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12. The insert according to claim 1, wherein said engagement side is a concave arcuate surface.